

Sinclair Broadcasting, a large media company that uses the public airways free of charge, has decided to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the November election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Media companies are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We also see companies trying to control the political life of this country through media manipulation.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.